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Abduction Digest, Number 13

Saturday, May 25th 1991

Today's Topics:

Re: Tesla & Tau Ceti
Re: Rima Laibow (Conclusion)
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From: jrblack@shemtaia.weeg.uiowa.edu
Subject: Re: Tesla & Tau Ceti
Date: 22 May 91 03:41:53 GMT

From: James Roger Black <jrblack@shemtaia.weeg.uiowa.edu>

Why all the interest in Tau Ceti?

Tau Ceti is one of the four nearby stars most commonly cited as possible homes for extraterrestrial life:

Name	Spectra	Distance	Comments
Epsilon Eridani	K2	10.76 ly	
61 Cygni	K5/K7/??	11.08 ly	triple star
Epsilon Indi	K5	11.44 ly	
Tau Ceti	G8	11.87 ly	

These are the only star systems within a 16-light-year radius of earth that are considered likely to have habitable planets. The others are thought to be either too unstable gravitationally to have planets at all, or are too hot, too cold, too young, too old, too whatever to provide a stable environment for life to develop and to survive long enough for it to achieve intelligence. Tau Ceti is considered the best candidate, since it is the most like our own sun.

Of course, even 'uninhabitable' planets could be colonized by high-tech immigrants from somewhere else; and in any case the parameters of 'official' opinion in this area change year by year. For example, it was long thought impossible for multiple-star systems such as Alpha Centauri and 61 Cygni to have stable planetary orbits within the habitable zones, but computer simulations have questioned that conclusion.

One reason these four are attractive is that they all lie approximately 11 light years from earth. Apparently the first major UFO waves took place some 22-24 years after the first high-power radio transmissions from earth which could have been detected at interstellar distances. Such transmissions, moving at the speed of light, would have taken about 11 years to reach them, and spacecraft moving at near-light speed would have taken not much more than that to return here--hence the 22-24 year time frame.

Of course, that's assuming that 'they' are in fact extra-terrestrials, which is far from proven. Jacques Vallee, Gordon Creighton, and others have suggested that the so-called 'aliens' are in fact as closely bound to this planet as we are, in which case Tau Ceti is utterly irrelevant.

Or, maybe, both theories are right ...

Subject: Re: Rima Laibow (Conclusion)

Date: 19 May 91 20:19:00 GMT

One very interesting aspect of the Rima Laibow paper is that it describes a semi-repeatable experiment - Having a psychiatrist test several abductees, attempting to deduce if they have anything in common. A control group of non-abductees (or perhaps several such groups) would be needed to establish the validity of the results. Let CSICOP's Psychologists (Robert A. Baker, Irving Biederman, Susan Blackmore, Milton Rosenberg, and B.F. Skinner) pick the psychiatrists to perform the examinations.

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From: Jim.Speiser@paranet.FIDONET.ORG (Jim Speiser)

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Date: 20 May 91 06:48:00 GMT

Paul:

On the subject of Robert Baker, are you aware of a book of his entitled "They Call It Hypnosis"? (presumably Prometheus). I have been told that in it he speaks of a study of 300 abductees, in which it was discovered that a large majority of them, on the order of 80-90%, suffered from Fantasy-Prone Personality. I'm asking because this information not only came as a shock to me, but to several other "professionals" I've conversed with. One of them assured me that the only people who have ever worked with such a large group were Budd Hopkins and, indirectly, Eddie Bullard. If you, or anyone watching, is aware of this book or the aforementioned study, please speak up. Abductees everywhere are waiting with baited breath!

Jim

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Date: 21 May 91 19:11:00 GMT

Did Dr. Baker work with a control group? And where did he get 300
abductees? Put an ad in the National Enquirer?

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